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## OTIS HAS ENOUGH MEN

Washington, April 20.—Secretary Alger has received a reply from General Otis to his inquiry of yesterday as to whether the reinforcements proposed to be sent to him to relieve the volunteers would be sufficient for the purposes of the campaign.

General Otis replies in the affirmative, the estimate of 30,000 men to constitute the army agreeing with his own calculations. The program for the movement of regulars out to Manila and the volunteers homeward will be carried out according to General Otis' statement contained in his despatch of yesterday.

General Otis adds to his message the hopeful remark that he expects very shortly to be able to report a decided improvement in the situation in the Philippines.

### VOLUNTEERS TO RETURN.

Washington, April 20.—Volunteers in the Philippines who return home in the order in which they sailed for Manila. The date upon which each troop sailed is as follows:

May 25, First California, Second Oregon and detachment California artillery; June 25, A and B Utah artillery, Tenth Pennsylvania, First Colorado and First Nebraska; June 29, First North Dakota, 13th Minnesota, First Idaho and First Wyoming; July 19, First Montana; July 25, First South Dakota; October 19, First Washington; October 27, 20th Kansas; October 30, First Tennessee; November 3, 51st Iowa; November 6, troop Nevada cavalry; November 9, First Wyoming battery.

### Kaimuki Improvements.

The boiler and pumping plant for the Kaimuki water works arrived in the Mauna Ala. The work of opening the trenches for the water pipe has begun and as soon as the pipe is laid macadamized roads will be in order.

## IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Mr. Hoffmann of San Francisco, who was awarded the contract for building the Beretania street schoolhouse, has written that he withdraws from the contract on account of the increase in the price of lumber. The matter was discussed in the Executive Council this morning, and the probability is that the Government will enforce Mr. Hoffmann's bond.

Mr. P. Jones, who was awarded \$6000 of Government bonds, writes from San Francisco that he cannot take them, as the money which he had intended for that purpose is tied up. The Minister of Finance is authorized to dispose of the delinquent bonds for the highest price he can obtain without advertisement.

A Japanese was refused a license by the Council for a lodging house in Kinsu street near the baseball grounds.

A number of applications for quitclaim deeds for lands which had been specified in the old maheles, and which had never been acted upon since were refused because they are barred by the Act of December 16, 1895, which gave until January 1, 1896, for establishing titles to such lands. Most of them are on this island.

### Free Show.

Mr. Desky has made arrangements whereby young Du Bell, the prince of the air, will give an exhibition of high wire walking. On Saturday evening, between 7 and 8 o'clock, a wire will be stretched between the Orpheum and the fire station tower, on which Mr. Du Bell will perform some sensational feats. No charge whatever will be made in any way and all are cordially invited to attend.

### No Testimony for Quay.

Philadelphia, April 20.—Counsel for Senator Quay announced that they would not offer testimony. This means that the case will go to the jury this afternoon.

## CAMPAIGN TO CONTINUE

General Otis Will Keep Up Fight Against Filipinos.

Will Soon Have Almost Entire Force of Regulars Under His Command—No More Volunteers.

New York, April 20.—A special to the Herald from Washington, says:

Notwithstanding the presence of the hot season and the imminence of the rainy season in the Philippines, there is to be no cessation of the active hostilities against the Filipinos. This fact developed at a conference between the President, Secretary Alger, Secretary Long and Adjutant General Corbin. It was also again decided not to issue a call for 35,000 volunteers authorized by the army reorganization law.

It is the purpose of the administration to send to Manila almost as many regular regiments as there are volunteers to be returned. There are fifteen volunteer regiments, which, according to Gen. Otis will return home, commencing on May 5. Six regular regiments are now on their way to Manila.

With their departure, only three infantry commands will remain in the country available for service in the east. It is understood that if conditions continue satisfactory in Cuba, a couple of regiments of infantry will be drawn from that island and the Eleventh from Porto Rico. There is talk of despatching cavalry to Gen. Otis.

## OLAA SCHEME MATURING

In a few days the prospectus of the Olaa Sugar Plantation will be issued. Whenever the public have had time to digest its contents, the share list will be opened for subscription.

The capital stock will be five million dollars in 250,000 shares of the par value of \$20 each. One half will be paid up stock, the other moiety assessable.

The land question is satisfactorily settled. There will be about 21,000 acres in the estate, of which the large proportion of 17,000 acres will be fee simple.

### THE FILIPINO DIAGNOSIS.

London, April 20.—It has been learned by a representative of the Associated Press that a split has occurred among the members of the Filipino junta, a majority of whom are in favor of direct conferences with the Secretary of State at Washington. Col. John Hay with the view of bringing about a peaceful solution of the Philippine question.

Four delegates, La Sala, Marti, Lopez and Rivera, finding that Agoncillo, Aguinaldo's representative, disagrees with this view, they have started for Manila, leaving Agoncillo, Rio and Lunar, who insist upon absolute and unconditional independence, in Europe.

The others do not object to some form of American intervention in the government of the island and say they believe a personal meeting between Aguinaldo and Admiral Dewey, in whom alone the Filipino's declare they have confidence, will lead to a settlement.

### News of the Transport.

The Hancock has gone on to Manila without stopping at this port. The Warren arrived this forenoon. The Newport may be looked for at any minute. The Morgan City, Senator and Ohio were all to start out for Manila, via this port, on the 21st inst. It is learned on very good authority that there will be nine transports sent out from San Francisco for Manila during the month of May.

Mr. Lyons of the Weather Bureau says this is "volcano weather."

## WATER SUPPLY FILTRATION

Discussed by Engineer Hering With the Board of Health.

Strong Resolution Passed in Favor of the Improvement—Lady Physician Granted License—Other Health Matters.

There was a quarter hour's wait for a quorum at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Health. At the reading of the minutes there were present: Attorney General H. E. Cooper, president, Dr. Emerson, Dr. Day, Dr. Wood, Geo. W. Smith and David Kelipio, members; Charles Wilcox, secretary; Dr. Alvarez, superintendent Kalihi station; Dr. Herbert, superintendent lunatic asylum; Rudolph Hering, sanitary engineer.

The president stated that he had invited Mr. Hering to be present to discuss with the board the question of filtration of the water supply. He understood that Mr. Hering placed a pure supply of water ahead of a sewerage system in importance. As Mr. Hering was a very busy man, they would hear him as the first business.

Mr. Hering said that if they could get enough ground water—which is here called artesian—which has already been filtered by nature, it would be preferable to an extension of the gravity supply with artificial filtration.

The conversation took a turn on the question of the purity of the artesian water. Analysis of this water had yielded no deleterious ingredients, Mr. Smith stated. All that might be expected was lime, from the coral come in contact with.

Mr. Hering had heard it said that waste artesian water had been noticed to develop a greenish acum. This might be only nitrates, produced by the decomposition of vegetable matter. Nitrates were recognized as a valuable plant food. They were the result of the transformation of organic into mineral matter and the green material did not necessarily signify the presence of harmful bacteria. Filtered surface water would produce the very same manifestation. He repeated that if sufficient ground water could be obtained, it ought to be made the exclusive supply.

If the experience of other parts of the world was worth anything, there was much danger in continuing to use surface water without filtration.

Artesian water involved the question of expense for supplying it to the higher levels, for inhabiting which there was at present a strong tendency.

The natural sand here was not suitable for filters. Proper material could be made by crushing the hard native rock. There was a liability of the water being rendered hard from filtration through such artificial sand. It would take more than the three remaining weeks of Mr. Hering's stay, to make a desired experiment on this point.

Dr. Wood brought up the question of raising water to the highest levels probable to be sought for residence. Mr. Hering told of an automatic system at New London, explaining that it involved a certain loss of head to the general supply.

Dr. Emerson inquired as to cost of increase in keeping with requirements of the growing city. The answer was that proper information would cost a great deal of work. Mr. Smith pointed out that Mr. Hering's report on filtration contained some calculations in this regard.

Could a slow filtration system be constructed as soon as a quick system might be ordered and brought out from New York? Hardly. About all the labor that could be spared here would be needed on the sewerage construction. One of the two New York concerns should be able to put a

## OVER A THOUSAND SOLDIERS

Transport Warren on Her Way From Frisco to Manila.

Carries Eight Batteries of Sixth Artillery—Has Number of Recruits, Hospital Men and Band—Two Missionaries Aboard.

The U. S. Transport Warren (formerly the Scandia), Hart commander, arrived in port and hauled alongside the Oceanic wharf at about 11:30 a. m. today, after a fine trip from San Francisco with over a thousand of Uncle Sam's soldiers for Manila. The Warren sailed from San Francisco at about 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the 20th, two hours later than the Rio de Janeiro. The Newport sailed about two hours and a half before the Warren, but took a more southerly course on account of the heavy swell met with on passing out of the Golden Gate. The Warren went right into the worst of the swell and thereby made quicker time than the Newport. That transport should be along some time this afternoon or evening as she is about as fast a boat as the Warren.

The Warren has aboard 1,189 men all told. These are divided as follows: Eight batteries of the 6th Artillery (947 men), 50 hospital men and 192 recruits for other regiments now in the Philippines. The expedition is in command of Brigadier General E. B. Williston who is very popular among the men. The other officers are as follows: Major Vose, Captains—Todd, Foster, Deeman, Millar, Homer, Sage, Ludlow; Lieutenants—Larned, Pershing, Starbird, Menohar, Lloyd, Curtis, March, McMaisters, Davis, McIntyre; Corporals—Bottoms, Gilbert and Bishop; Doctors—Major Edie and Lieutenants Person, Hartnett and Calvert.

There are also among those aboard Rev. Jas. L. Smiley and Layman W. H. Wilson, missionaries of the Protestant Episcopal church, who are going to work among the soldiers in the Philippines under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Major S. A. Cloman, the transport quartermaster, is one of the best liked officers in the expedition. He was at one time the chief commissary officer in Manila but was forced to leave his duties on account of bad health. He returned to the States and, having recovered his health, is now returning to Manila as the quartermaster of the transport. It is not at all unlikely that he will be given a higher office when he reaches the land of the Filipinos.

The band of the 6th Artillery is one of the finest that has passed through on the way to Manila. As the Warren came around the turn near the Oceanic wharf, the band boys stood on the deck and played tunes that fairly made people on shore dance with delight. They have a very delightful way of playing and their Souza marches and rag time con pieces cannot be beaten. It is hoped that they will give a concert ashore before they continue on their way to Manila.

There are but few changes in the personnel of the officers of the ship. Captain Hart is still in command. The Chief Steward is now E. Peifer, who came through on the last trip of the Warren as second steward. The second steward now is Thos. Madge.

Coal is already piled up on the wharf for the Warren and work on this will be pushed rapidly so that the transport will be able to get under weigh again on Saturday. In the mean time the soldiers will be given as much freedom as possible so that they may be made better able to stand the long trip that is still before them. As soon as a gangway could be arranged for, the soldiers were allowed to come ashore.

## MORE OMAHA EXHIBIT

Commissioner Coming to Hawaii For Material.

Says He Will Take Bishop Museum Back With Him—Exposition From July to November.

San Francisco, April 20.—W. W. Umsted, special commissioner to the Hawaiian Islands for the Greater America Exposition, to be held in Omaha from July 1 to November 1 of this year, is in this city en route to Honolulu, where he will collect exhibits to be shipped to the Omaha grounds. The gentleman, who is a resident of Omaha, has credentials from the Secretary of State and the Secretary of War, also letters to President Dole and to prominent Americans in the island. The letters request that every assistance and courtesy be extended to the bearer in enabling him to successfully carry out his commission.

The Omaha exposition will be in the nature of a colonial affair. The Government has interested itself and will ship free of charge all exhibits from its newly acquired territory to the nearest seaport in the United States. The object of this Governmental encouragement rests in the fact that the first opportunity will be given to Americans of studying in full the resources, exports and habits of the people of these practically unknown lands. The Philippines, Cuba, Porto Rico, the Ladroneas and the Hawaiian Islands will be represented at the fair, not only by the products, but by large numbers of natives.

Mr. Umsted will engage, with the permission of the Hawaiian Government, the famous Honolulu Imperial band, to be the principal feature of the exposition for one month. Sousa's band and Godfrey's band will furnish the music for the remainder of the time. He will also secure the use of the old National museum, familiarly known as the Bishop museum. He will spend one month on the island, during which time he will devote his energies to the collecting of all species of vegetation, manufactures, curios and articles of historical interest. It is the purpose of the managers to transform the spacious exposition grounds into a grand tropical scene, and for this purpose several hundred natives will be transported and will establish their villages and abide according to their native customs.

The commissioner for the Philippines is already at Manila. Those for Cuba and Porto Rico left Omaha simultaneously with Umsted. The Hawaiian commissioner is accompanied by his wife and son and will leave this city tomorrow on the Newport.

### Brooke to Succeed Shafter.

New York, April 19.—A San special from Washington says: A change of importance in military circles is expected to occur shortly. It is probable that when Major-General William B. Shafter retires from active service in October he will be succeeded by General John Brooke in command of the Department of California.

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